

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-12 are pending. Claim 4 has been amended. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-3 and 6-12 are allowed.

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly not meeting the written restriction requirement. Claim 4 has been amended to more clearly recite that based on the reliability indicated by the priority data, the destination executes an intermediate correction procedure. This is believed to be clearly supported by the specification, for example, at page 16, line 10 to page 18, line 7. Withdrawal of the Section 112 rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 4 had been previously rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/69033 (Edge et al.). Now-canceled claim 5 had been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Edge et al. in view of U.S. Patent 6,959,198 (Mitsugi). In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claim 4 might be rejected based upon the previously-cited references if the Section 112 rejection was overcome. However, Applicants submit that amended claim 4 is patentable over the cited references for at least the following reasons.

Amended independent claim 4 is directed to a terminal device that includes: a GPS receiver receiving a GPS-data from a GPS satellite and outputting the GPS-data; and a data processing device connected to the GPS receiver and receiving the GPS-data from the GPS-receiver. The data processing device extracts a satellite time-data from the GPS-data, executes a correction procedure on the satellite time-data to generate a corrected time-data, and transmits the corrected time-data to a destination on a wireless

communication network. The correction procedure is based on a time delay in communications between the GPS satellite and the GPS receiver.

The data processing device adds to the corrected time-data, a priority-data indicative of reliability of the corrected time-data, and transmits the corrected time-data to the destination. Based on the reliability indicated by the priority-data, the destination executes an intermediate correction procedure.

In Edge, GPS timing information is received from a satellite, and base stations provide an association between GPS time and local base station time, forwarding the timing association to the mobile terminals of the communications network. Mitsugi is related to a wireless communications system having a GPS timing correction functionality in which reliability data for each device is included together with GPS time information.

However, as mentioned in the previous response, neither Edge nor Mitsugi teaches or suggests that based on reliability indicated by priority-data, an intermediate correction procedure is executed, as in amended claim 4. For at least this reason, amended claim 4 is believed patentable over Edge and Mitsugi, taken alone or in combination.

This Amendment in Response to Final Office Action is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and its entry is therefore believed proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. At the very least, however, it is believed clear that the formal rejections have been overcome. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment in Response to Final Office Action, as an earnest effort to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues

remain outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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